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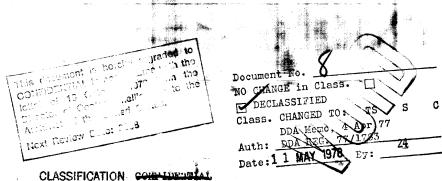
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- 1. The working committee of the Swedish Communist Party recently decided to cut expenses in order to meet financial difficulties which confront the Party. The Committee decided to reduce expenditures for Ny Dag. SCP daily newspaper, of 30,000 Front during the next year, and to attempt savings in Inapress, Arbetarkultur rorings AB, and other Party enterprises. Certain employees on My Dag will be discharged. SCP finances deteriorated so oadly in November that neither the SCP nor My Dag was able to pay its employees on time, and Ny Dag's last quarterly telephone bill was paid fourteen days after it was due. Inapress, publishing company for rural Communist papers, has been forced to defray expenses by spending its capital at the rate of 15,000 kronor monthly, while SCP rural publications reportedly suffered a loss in circulation of about one-third during October.
- 2. Personnel changes which recently made Fritjof Lager Secretary-General of the SCP reportedly will not become effective until 1 January 1949. Gunnar Ohman, who will become chairman of the Stockholm Workers Commune, is already working on afrairs of the Commune, while holding his position as Secretary-General of the Party. Likewise, C.H. Hermansson, Party Secretary for Propaganda, who will replace Lager as managing editor of My Dag, is already participating in editors conferences on the newspaper in order to become familiar with the workings of the press.
- 3. Two important union members of the SCP. Sture Norberg, a member of the Metal workers Union, and walter Andersson, a leader in Stockholm's Manual workers Union, intend to leave the Communist Party and join the Social Democratic BURNET L Party.



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